

## Ad Hoc Water Committee

Our activities continue to be somewhat truncated during 2021-22 due to the global Covid-19 Pandemic.

### **Selected 2021 Achievements**

- Confirmed committee's mission to "Conserve, Preserve, and Protect Rockport's Water Supply"
- Revived committee after 2020 hiatus, recruited new members with expertise in water science, policy and management
- Responded to the Zoning Board of Appeals call for input regarding a variance requested by a local business
- Responded to citizen's inquiry about possible Pine Pit pollution; communicated with Conservation Commission and DPW and conducted informal water sampling and testing
- Began work to assist Government and Bylaw Committee to update Bylaws as they impact stormwater and watershed
- Initiated conversation with DPW regarding PFAS and hosting possible water facility tour for the Rockport community

### **2022 Goals**

- Continue to assist Bylaw revisions as they impact water supply
- Public engagement:

Set up public tour / information session at Water Treatment Plant (here is Announcement Language)

### **Open House & Tour: Rockport's Water Treatment Facilities**

Where does Rockport's water come from? What are the steps taken to get high-quality water from a quarry to your tap? How can you conserve water in your home?

Join us for a free open house and public tour of Rockport's water treatment facilities to learn more about Rockport's water supply. Tours will begin at 9am, 10am and 11am.

**When:** Saturday, May 7, 9am-12pm (tours begin at 9am, 10am and 11am)

**Where:** 3 DPW Way, Rockport, MA (behind the Rockport Police Station)

- Work with Middle School to test quarry water
- Ongoing collaboration and discussion with DPW re: PFAS status
- Follow up as needed on effects, if any, of MBTA work on culvert replacements in watershed protection areas
- Work with other Town committees to identify watershed land for the Town to secure
- Continue to research repurposing of sewer water
- We are in the process of drafting a revised charter with the intent of becoming a standing committee, and expect to present that to Fall Town meeting for Town discussion and approval.
- Seek additional volunteer members to better serve the Town

*--Laura Fillmore Evans, Committee Chair*

*Professor Timothy Ford, Vice Chair*

*Ashley Desrosiers, Secretary*

*Tom Mikus, Member*

*Diane Cartwright, Member*